

## **THE INFLUENCE OF E.A.F.R.D. ON THE ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE OF A TOWN IN THE NORTH-EAST REGION AND ON THE ECONOMIC SECTOR IN ITS VICINITY**

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### **Abstract**

The paper aims to emphasize the influence of an 996,027 Euros investment from non-reimbursable European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (E.A.F.R.D.) grants on a local community and the local economic environment. The working methodology consisted in the analysis of the documents that were the basis of the financing, including budgets and specific documentation. Data from the reports published by the Rural Investments Financing Agency under Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development were also used. The EU's rural development policy, aligned with the Common Agricultural Policy, aims to achieve three long-term strategic objectives: stimulating the competitiveness of agriculture; guaranteeing a sustainable management of natural resources and combating climate change favouring a balanced territorial development of rural communities, especially by supporting local economies and creating and maintaining jobs. Through this investment, it was proposed to modernize a network of agricultural exploitation roads with a total length of 11,349 m that serves an agricultural area of 1,178 ha, on the territory of the town that is the beneficiary of the financing. The number of modernized road sectors was 21. By implementing the project, access to a number of 11 economic agents from the agricultural field was facilitated and ensured, and 7 non-agricultural economic agents became directly accessible.

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